

REMARKS

In the Specification

The Office Action objects to the Abstract. A shortened Abstract is provided.

Section 112 Rejection

The Office Action objected to language added to Claim 1 in the prior response under Section 112. The claim has been amended to use the original language of claim 1, which was not objected to under Section 112.

Sections 102 and 103 Rejections

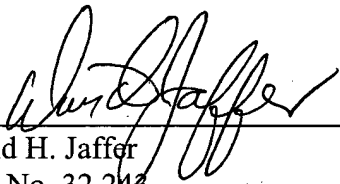
The Office Action indicated that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 3 depended on claims 1 and 2. Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claims 2 and 3. Therefore, claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance. The remaining claims (4-9) all now depend on allowable amended claim 1, and therefore are also believed to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has amended the Abstract to satisfy the Examiner's requirements, and has amended the claims to recite subject matter indicated as allowable. Therefore, Applicant believes the claims are in condition for allowance.

If any further questions should arise prior to a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted



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